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11. (C) Although the government of Burundi (GOB) is a supporter of many U.S. foreign policy initiatives, at this time, it is unlikely that Burundi will have the civilian or military resources to contribute to the New Way Forward initiative in Iraq. The primary efforts undertaken by the GOB's Ministry of Defense in this post-conflict era are focused on the demobilization of rebel forces, the resumption of talks with the PALIPEHUTU-FNL, and contributing troops and equipment to the AMISOM effort in Somalia.

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